

Mrs Campbell to Bishop of Salisbury

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Burlington Street
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My Dear Lord

Since I saw your Lordship I have reflected on the very extraordinary and serious charges brought against me, & the more I consider the subject, the more anxious I am, to have every circumstance relating to my conduct during my residence at Warwick House thoroughly investigated, conscious as, I thank God, I feel, of the most upright intentions I cannot, nor will I, submit to any stigma.

I feel so confident in your Lordship's justice that I will not apologise for the liberty I now take, in again stating in the most solemn manner that I not only did not dictate any thing like a will to

Princess Charlotte, but I was entirely ignorant
of the contents of the paper which she so called,
& all I recollect on the subject is her telling
me one morning when I came up from
breakfast, that she had been making a will,
that she had left something to me, but should
not leave any thing to Mr. Lidny, for reasons
she should give, I said I thought her wrong,
& represented how much Mr. Lidny would
be hurt by such a mark of unkindness -
I attached no consequence whatever, to
what I considered a mere childish act, but
it afforded me an opportunity of checking,
as I always did, any expression of
unkindness towards Mr. Lidny & every one
else whose situation about Her Royal
Highness entitled them to respect, I had not
the smallest idea that any such paper was
now in existence until last Thursday,
when Dr. Holt & your Lordship informed
me of it, & I am ready to attest this, at any
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To your Lordship I need not vindicate myself from all selfish views as connected with my situation at W. House, but others may not know that I never presumed to solicit the appointment, that I ever, declined His Majesty's gracious offer, from thinking myself unequal to so important a trust, that I accepted it at last, by his special command & I may add religiously endeavoured to fulfil the duties of it, I held it, as your Lordship knows till my spirits & health could support it no longer, & I have never asked the smallest favor since. Can this be called interested, or is it likely that I should have been guilty of that, of which I am accused - & for what? - I am sure you will agree with me that the state of health & mind in which I was previous to my quitting Princeps Charlotte sufficiently acquit me, but when I look back to the affection & many tracts of

goodness of heart which I have occasionally
witnessed in that interesting Child it is with
real sorrow & mortification that I feel the
necessity of thus appealing to your
Lordship to vindicate

Yours truly grateful

& Ob^d Serv^t

Alicia Campbell

Mrs Campbell to the Archbishop
4th May 1854